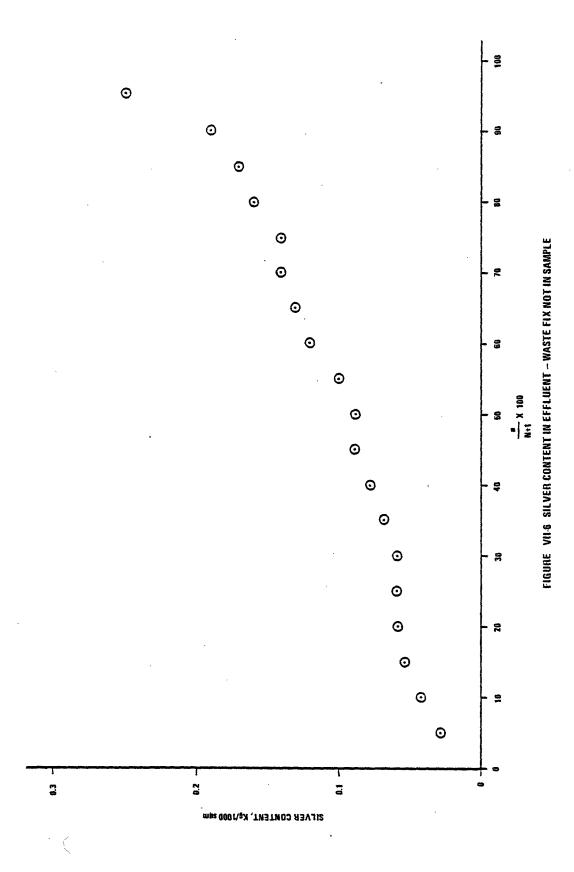


FIGURE VIIA. SILVER CONTENT IN EFFLUENT-NO SILVER RECOVERY ON SOME FIX SOLUTIONS

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FIGURE VILS SILVER CONTENT IN EFFLUENT -- SILVER RECOVERY ON ALL WASTE FIX



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TABLE VII-8

Results of Silver Recovery on Silver Content in Plant Effluent - Conventional Silver Recovery on All Waste Fix plus Additional Recovery By:

Ion Exchange on Wash Water Plus Wash Water Recycle

Total silver load,

Plant kg/1,000 sq m (lb/1,000 sq ft)

6208 0.048 (0.0098)

<u>Precipitation Plus Reverse Osmosis Treatment of Wash</u> Water and Wash Water Recycle

7781 0.0088 (0.0018)

Table VII-9 compares the efficiencies of individual silver recovery units used at some of the facilities. These data show the effects of specific treatments on individual wastewater streams. The operating conditions used for either the electrolytic or metallic replacement silver recovery processes will determine the efficiency of silver recovery. The efficiencies calculated for reverse osmosis are based on the incoming water versus the permeate. The concentrate solution from the reverse osmosis unit contains high concentrations of silver which should be recovered. The relative efficiencies of the various types of units are not directly comparable with each other because of the varying silver and other pollutant levels in the treated solutions.

TABLE VII-9 Effectiveness of Various Silver Recovery Procedures

Concentrations of Silver Present, (mg/liter)

		(mg/liter)				
Plant	Recovery Process	Influent	Effluent	Removal Efficiency, Percent		
6208	<pre>Ion exchange (wash water)</pre>	2.0	0.14	93		
9061	Ion exchange (wash water) Unit 1 Unit 2	0.74	0.04 0.10	95 84		
4550	Metallic Replace- ment Electrolytic (primary plus tailing)	1,580 576	4.7	99.7 98		
7781	Reverse Osmosis (wash water) Chemical Precipi- tation (RO concen- trate plus waste fix)	68 57	0.08	79 99.9		
2714	Reverse Osmosis (paper wash) Reverse Osmosis (film wash)	6.3 0.99	0.04	99 98+		

The relationship between the effluent concentration and the effluent amount for silver and the percent of production using ferricyanide bleach for total cyanide is shown graphically in Figures VII-7 and VII-8, respectively. The graphs show a poor dependency between concentration and amount for silver or between concentration and production percentage for total cyanide. Therefore, a concentration

based limitation would not necessarily limit the amount discharged.

A "low-flow prewash" has been used on an experimental basis at plants 3630 and 6174 to allow conventional recovery of after-fix wash water. silver from The technique described in Section III segments the after-fix wash tank into prewash and final wash tanks. The prewash tank receives the fix dragout and has a separate fresh water input and overflow. The water input flow is optimized depending on the rate of waste fix carry-in and its silver concentration and the final silver treatment level of the The benefits of using this system, based on prewash. theoretical calculations and the results from plant 3630, are shown in Table VII-10. These calculations were made using the following assumptions:

(1) Paper wash rate = 5.7 liters/min

(2) Silver concentration of normal paper wash = 6.1 mg/l

(3) Bleach-fix silver concentration = 1,900 mg/l

(4) The carry-over flow rate from the bleach-fix to the wash is calculated to be 0.018 liters/min

Plant 3630 installed a prewash system on a color paper processor. Silver was recovered from the prewash tank overflow with a conventional metallic replacement cannister. The results obtained from this system over a period of 145 days are summarized below and in Table VII-10.

Final wash flow - 5.7 liters/min
Silver concentration in normal paper wash 1 to 5 mg/l
Bleach-fix silver concentration - 3,000 mg/l
The carryover flow rate from the bleach-fix
to the wash is calculated to be 0.018 liters/min
Silver concentration in final wash - 3.0 + 2.5 mg/l

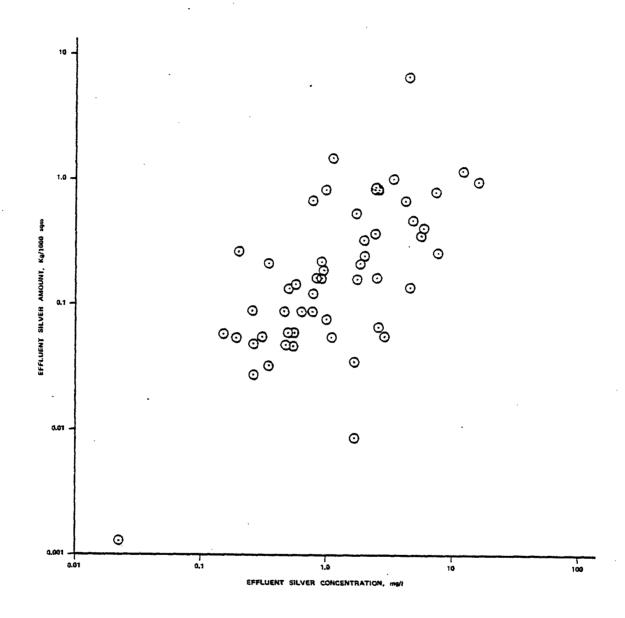
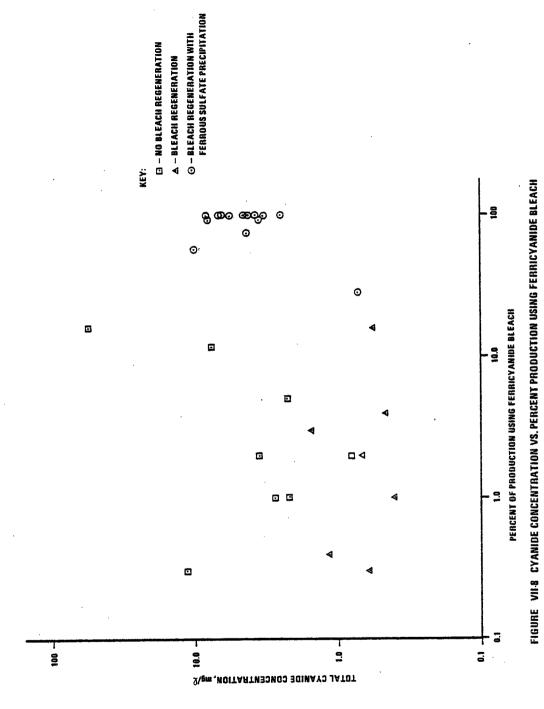


FIGURE VII-7. EFFLUENT SILVER CONCENTRATION VS EFFLUENT SILVER AMOUNT



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TABLE VII-10
Summary of Prewash Results

CR* mg/l	CT** mg/l	Prewash Flow 1/min	Percent Removal of Silver to Final Wash	Percent of Wash Water Needing Treatment
		Theoretical Re	sults	
1 10 100	43.6 138 436	0.76 0.23 0.061	95.4 86.0 59.3	13.3 4.1 1.1
		Experimental R	esults for Plan	t 3630
4	200	0.10	69	1.8

^{*}CR - Silver concentration of prewash overflow after silver recovery.

Plant 6174 installed an experimental prewash system on the paper processors and measured the silver concentration in the trench containing the rinse wastewater. The silver concentration of the rinse wastewater before and after installation of the prewash system averaged 2.8 mg/liter and 0.52 mg/liter, respectively.

Experimentation has shown that there are a number of potential problems in using the prewash system. These problems may be caused by trace chemical build-up, increased fix time, and improper washing. One investigator found an increase in yellow stain six months after processing and had problems with biological growth. Plants 3630 and 6174 experienced difficulties in controlling the silver recovery system on the prewash overflow and had physical quality problems introduced by required additional squeegees.

Recently a photographic supplies manufacturer, after extensive evaluation, has approved the use of a low-flow prewash on the EP-2 NR process as an alternative to the conventional wash system. The application of a prewash

^{**}CT - Silver concentration in prewash tank.

system includes a recommendation for electrolytic silver recovery on the combined waste bleach-fix and prewash overflow and metallic replacement silver recovery on the electrolytic unit effluent combined with the final wash water. Suggestions for controlling biological growth in the prewash water holding tank and prewash tank are included. The recommendations include cleaning the prewash tanks with a 5 to 12 percent sodium hypochlorite solution at least weekly or more often depending upon the processing conditions.

Wash Water Recycle

Wastewater hydraulic loads can be reduced significantly by using countercurrent washing and partial recycle of wash water. The countercurrent washing referred to here involves the use of segmented wash tanks after specific chemical tanks such as bleach-fix. It does not refer to the practice pumping the same wash water from one wash tank after a chemical tank to another wash tank after a different chemical processing solution. This could result in the intermixing of chemical solutions in the improper sequence with the process chemistry. Table VII-11 shows the results of countercurrent washing and wash water recycle for two plants. Both plants are large and a major proportion of the total production is prints made from original negatives (6208 is a movie lab and 7781 is a portrait studio). recycled water is used only for the print processes at 6208 and is used for the print process and the final wash on the negative process at 7781.

The magnitude of the effluent hydraulic load from a photoprocessing plant is mostly determined by how the plant handles its process wash water, which is by far the largest use of water in this industry. The use of countercurrent washing and partial recycle of wash water after treatment with reverse osmosis reduces effluent hydraulic loads by over 90 percent. However, the applicability of these water-saving techniques depends on the processes used and the process and product mix at a particular plant. As discussed in Section III, potential problems such as biological growth, trace chemical build-up, and insufficient washing must be controlled to prevent short- and long-term adverse effects on product quality.

TABLE VII-11 Effect of Countercurrent Washing and Wash Water Recycle on Effluent Hydraulic Loads

Plant	Effluent Hydraulic Load, 1/1,000 sq m (gal/1,000 sq ft)	Counter- current Washing Used	Recycle of Wash Water
6208	98,000 (2,400):	no	30%2
7781	5,010 (123)1	yes	60%³

- Average of 3 24-hour composite samples
- 2 After ion exchange treatment
- 3 After reverse osmosis treatment

END-OF-PIPE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES

The end-of-pipe treatment technologies employed by photoprocessing plants were discussed in Section III and include precipitation, settling, ozonation, filtration, clarification, aeration, neutralization, equalization, chlorination, flocculation, and reverse osmosis. Ten of the twenty plants visited by EPA employed one or more of these treatment technologies as follows:

Plant No.	Technologies Employed
1465	ozonation (concentrated streams only)
4229	equalization, settling
3455	equalization, flocculation, precipitation, clarification, chlorination, settling, filtration
9297	equalization, aeration, ozonation, settling
2714	equalization, neutralization, reverse osmosis (wash water only)
4550	<pre>precipitation, flocculation, settling (only waste fix containing iron-cyanide complexes)</pre>
4849	chlorination (wash water only)
7781	aeration, ozonation, precipitation, settling, filtration
3075	settling
2387	settling

The effluent compositions obtained by several plants as a result of the treatments used were shown in Section V. two facilities having the most extensive treatment systems (plants 7781 and 2714) also report the lowest effluent loadings for BOD, TDS, and other parameters. Also, the facilities having no end-of-pipe treatments (plants 2465, 4666, 5552, 4228 and 3437) report high effluent loadings of cyanides, BOD, and TDS. For some parameters, the loadings from these "no treatment" sites are as much as an order of magnitude greater than those reported for plants 7781 and Further inspection of the data shows considerable variation for a number of parameters even among plants having no end-of-pipe treatment. The reasons for these lie in differences in specific products variations and in plant operating processed, in water usage, procedures. These factors can influence the amounts of discharged materials. However, despite the variations in



waste loadings observed among plants, it is also observed that the application of end-of-pipe treatments does generally lead to reduced discharges of several pollutants.

Cadmium and chromium do not occur in all photoprocessing waste streams, and no generally applicable treatment technology was observed being used for these specific pollutants. Cadmium occurs in the color developer and bleach-fix wastes of plants using certain papers. The major manufacturer of papers of this type has indicated their intention to phase out cadmium. Chromium occurs in the processing waste streams from one color motion picture film process and some black and white reversal processes.

Plant 7781 has used ion exchange to remove cadmium from their wastewaters. The column was eluted and a concentrated cadmium solution resulted which had to be treated or disposed of by contractor hauling.

Plants using dichromate bleach can reduce the amount of chromium in their effluent by treating the plant effluent or by segregating and treating the after-bleach wash water and dichromate bleach solution wastes. The wash water and waste bleach contain a mixture of hexavalent and trivalent chromium. A waste bleach sample from plant 6208 had a hexavalent chromium concentration of 1,020 mg/liter and a total chromium concentration of 1,700 mg/liter. The plant hexavalent chromium and total chromium effluent had concentration ranges of <0.02 to 0.44 mg/liter and 2.8 to 3.5 mg/liter, respectively, indicating that most of the hexavalent chromium was reduced to the trivalent form in the mixed waste effluent.

Treatment of the total effluent to reduce the amount of chromium would consist of pH adjustment for precipitation of the trivalent chromium and clarification. Subsequent filtration would reduce the chromium to lower levels. The filter cake containing the precipitated chromium salts would be disposed of by contractor hauling for landfilling or equivalent disposal method.

An alternative method would be to mix the segregated after-bleach wash and bleach solution wastes and treat the relatively low volume mixture. The treatment would consist of hexavalent chromium reduction, pH adjustment for

precipitation and diatomaceous earth filtration. been successfully demonstrated by the has electroplating industry for treatment of chromium. Chromium reduction efficiencies of 95 percent were achieved in waste streams having up to 525 mg/liter chromium. After-bleach wash water contains up to 100 mg/liter chromium and the waste bleach approximately 1,700 mg/liter. The mixed waste solution would have a chromium concentration of about 115 mg/liter based on the relative flows of 20 liters/hr and waste bleach and wash 2,300 liters/hr of Thus, the photographic wastes are within the respectively. chromium concentration range successfully treated in the electroplating industry.

Plant 6208 has, on an experimental basis, demonstrated that further volume reduction of wastewater containing chromium can be achieved by treating the wash water with an ion-exchange resin. Chromium was concentrated in the relatively low volume elutriant from the column and the wash water was recycled. The elutriant could be treated using the technology described above. The demonstration unit at 6208 removed chromium from the wash water with an average efficiency of 92 percent during normal operation.

During the later part of this study, plant 7781 completed the installation of a system which reduces the discharge of process wastewater to a minimum. (All hydraulic load and in-plant and effluent data reported in Sections V and VII for 7781 result from the in-process control and treatment system which was in place prior to the modified system that characteristics below. The described before-modification system were also described in Sections V and VII.) The system, shown schematically in Figure VII-9, consists of conventional and advanced in-process controls to reduce the production of wastewater and three stages of In-process controls used on the wastewater evaporation. film process include prebath recycle, EDTA bleach and continuous silver recovery from the fix regeneration, The paper process controls are: developer solution. ion exchange and chemical addition, regeneration by bleach-fix regeneration after electrolytic silver recovery, 50 percent stabilizer recycle by chemical addition, and countercurrent after-fix washing to reduce wash volume. All film wash water, except the after-prebath wash, and the paper wash water are collected and treated with two reverse osmosis units. The permeate is recycled to the The concentrate is combined with the waste film developer, stop, and all other waste solutions and directed to the two-stage evaporator. At this point the waste contains about 2 percent solids. The first stage of evaporator increases the solids concentration to about 20 percent and the second stage to about 65 percent. wastewater is then pumped to the film wipe evaporator which increases the solids content of the waste to about percent. The solid waste is sent to a smelter for silver reclamation. The condensate from both evaporators condensed and passed through an ion exchange unit for reduction of ammonia. The condensed water is recycled to the process and the elutriant containing ammonia is used as lawn fertilizer or disposed of by contractor hauling. plant has experienced mechanical difficulties with evaporator wipe-film which require periodic maintenance. During these repair periods, the evaporator is shut down and the 65 percent solids content wastewater from the two-stage evaporator is contractor hauled.

VARIABILITY FACTOR

Even plants which are achieving state-of-the-art pollutant reduction occasionally experience days of above average pollutant discharge. These high days may reflect temporary imbalances in the treatment system caused by fluctuations in flow, in raw waste loading, in chemical feed, or in mixing flows within the tanks. Allowance for the random variability of the discharge of a well designed and operated plant may be made by applying a "variability factor" to the expected long-term average is then multiplied by the variability factor.

The formulation of appropriate variability factors given below is based upon observed discharge data from operating plants. The daily maximum and the 30-day average maximum variability factors, at the 99 percent confidence level, were calculated using the following relationships:

Daily maximum variability factor = e exp [2.326 SY - 0.5 (SY)2] Where SY = standard deviation of the natural logarithms of the measured concentrations

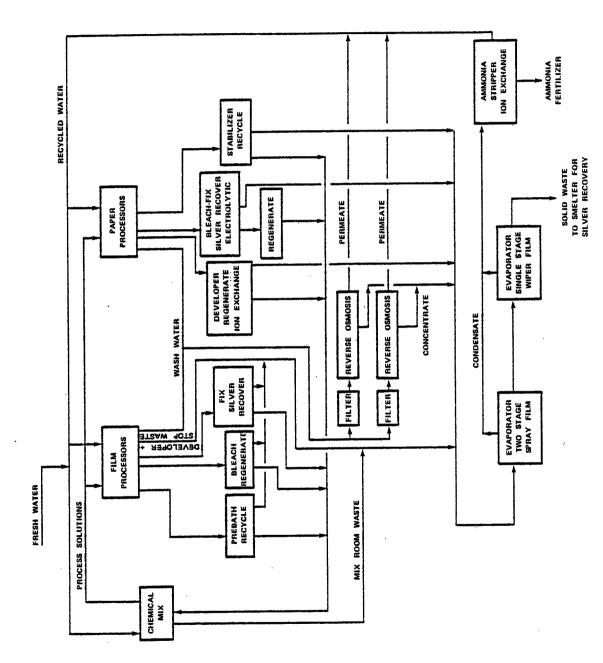


FIGURE VII.9. PROCESS WATER ELIMINATION SCHEMATIC

30-day average maximum = [mean X + 2.326 SX/sq rt 30]/mean X Where X = measured concentration

SX = standard deviation of the measured concentrations

The results of this analysis on the available long-term data are shown in Table VII-12. These data supplied by plants 6208 and 7781 are concentration values obtained from daily samples of effluent over various time periods. The raw data are given in Appendix B. A cumulative distribution plot of the silver data from plant 6208 is shown in Figure VII-10.

TABLE VII-12
POLLIFANT VARIABILITY FACTORS

Single Day Maximum	Variability Factor	5.9	3.2	3.6	4.2	12	4.8	4.7	4.1	4.4	3.7
30-day Average Maximm	Variability Factor	1.3	1.2	1.3	ge 1.3	2.2	1.2	1.3	1.2		1.2
	Standard Deviation	96.0	0.57	0.64	Silver Average	1.7	0.82	0.81	0.72	Cadmium Average	99.0
	Standard	0.37	3.4	2.5		0.36	1.9	0.91	0.069		2.5
	1/liter	-1.1	1.7	1.2		-4.0	1.0	-0.16	-2.4		1.5
	Mean, mg/liter X Y	0.46	6.2	4.0		0.12	3.4	1.2	0.12		5.1
	Number of Values	57	42	20		99	57	64	20		14
	Control	Ion Exchange	Ion Exchange	Precipitation		Regeneration	None	Ion Exchange	Precipitation		Regeneration, Precipitation
	Plant	6208	7781	7781		6208	6208	7781	7781		Table VII-4
	Parameter	Silver	Silver	Silver		Total Cyanide	Chronium	Cadmium	Cadmium		Total Cyanide Table VII-4

Mean $X = X_1 + X_2 + \cdots X_n$ $Nean Y = Y_1 + Y_2 + \cdots Y_n$ X = measured value, mg/liter

Where $Y_1 = \ln X_1$

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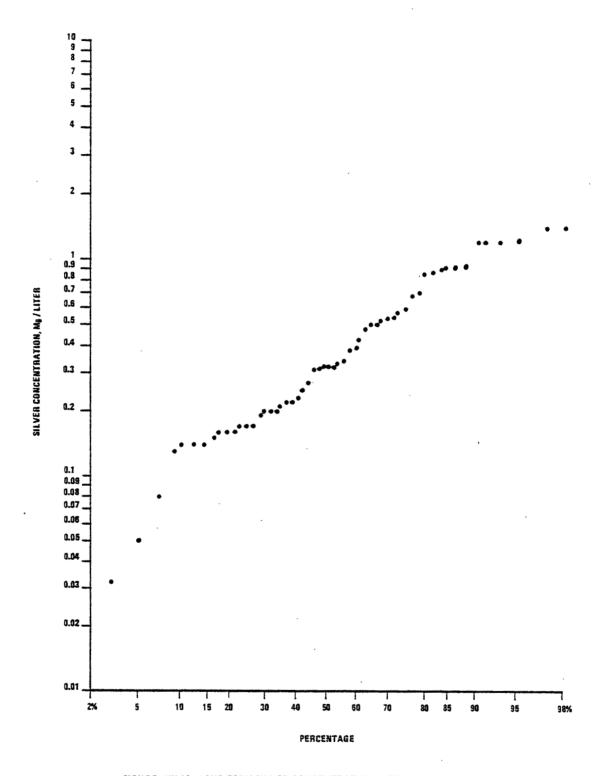


FIGURE VII-10 LONG-TERM SILVER CONCENTRATION IN EFFLUENT AT PLANT 6208

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SECTION VIII

COST, ENERGY, WASTE REDUCTION BENEFITS AND NON-WATER ASPECTS OF TREATMENT AND CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES

INTRODUCTION

Costs for the treatment and control of waterborne pollutants in the photoprocessing industry have been developed for various levels of technology currently in use in the industry. These technologies were described in Section III and their effectiveness was discussed in Section VII.

In developing the costs for the various levels of technologies, factors such as plant age, space requirements, and geographic location were considered. Age may indirectly influence control and treatment costs through the effects of isolation and control of wastes and space limitations. It was found that age was not a major cost contributing factor in this industry. The control and isolation of wastes are not generally a problem regardless of plant age because, by the nature of the photographic processing equipment and operation, wastes can be isolated. It is also observed that space limitations are not generally a problem because the control equipment is relatively compact and self-contained.

Geographic location does not significantly affect the costs of control and treatment technologies in this industry because processes used are the same throughout the United States, irrespective of geography or climate.

GENERAL COST REFERENCES AND RATIONALE

Cost information contained in this report was obtained from industry, engineering firms, equipment suppliers, and published literature. Whenever possible, costs were taken installations, actual engineering estimates for projected facilities as supplied by contributing companies, or from equipment suppliers' quoted prices. In the absence of such information, cost estimates were developed from actual costs incurred in other industries for treatment of similar wastes. Such cost estimates were developed for the dichromate bleach wastes by using cost treatment of

information from the electroplating point source category for the treatment of chromium-containing wastes.

Interest Costs and Equity Financing Charges

Estimates for this study were based on 15 percent cost of capital, representing an overall average for either interest paid or return on investment required.

Time Basis for Costs

All cost estimates are based on $\underline{1977}$ prices and when necessary have been adjusted to this basis using the Chemical Engineering facility cost index.

Useful Service Life

The useful service life of treatment and control equipment varies depending on the nature of the equipment and process involved, its use pattern, maintenance and numerous other factors. Individual companies may apply service lives based on their actual experience for internal amortization. Internal Revenue Service provides guidelines for tax purposes which are intended to approximate average experience. Based on industry practice and condensed IRS guideline information, a 10-year useful service life value for control and treatment equipment was used.

Depreciation

The economic value of treatment and control equipment and facilities decreases over its service life. At the end of the useful life, it is usually assumed that the salvage or recovery value becomes zero. For IRS tax purposes or internal depreciation provisions, straight line, or accelerated write-off schedules may be used. Straight line depreciation was used solely in this report.

Capital Investment

Capital investment is defined as all front-end, out-of-pocket expenditures for providing treatment or control facilities. These costs include costs for research and development necessary to establish the process, equipment, construction and installation, services,



engineering, special start-up costs and contractor profits and contingencies.

Annual Capital Costs

Most, if not all, of the capital costs are accrued during the procurement and installation of the equipment. This present worth sum can be converted to equivalent uniform annual disbursements by utilizing the Capital Recovery Factor Method:

Uniform Annual Disbursement = $\frac{P i(1 + i)nth power}{[(1 + i)nth power] - 1}$

Where P = present value (capital expenditures),

i = interest rate, %/100

n = useful life in years

Using an interest cost of 15 percent and a useful life of 10 years:

Uniform Annual Disbursement = $\frac{0.15 \text{ P} (1.15)^{10}}{[(1.15)^{10}]-1}$

= 0.199 P

Land Costs

Land costs are not a significant factor affecting control and treatment costs in this industry, since the equipment is generally compact and self-contained and can be housed in existing facilities. Interior space costs were not considered.

Operating Expenses

Annual costs of operating the treatment or control facilities include labor, supervision, materials, maintenance, taxes, and insurance. Power and energy costs were estimated by determining the electrical requirements for the equipment and using five cents per kilowatt-hour for the cost of electrical energy. Operating costs combined with annualized capital costs give the total annual costs

for treatment and control. The total annual operating costs minus the return from recovered silver and chemical cost savings represent the net annual operating costs. No interest cost was included for operating (working) capital. Since working capital might be assumed to be one-sixth to one-third of annual operating costs (excluding depreciation), about 1-2 percent of total operating costs might be involved. This is considered to be well within the accuracy of the estimates.

It is recognized that all costs and cost benefits for conventional silver recovery and bleach regeneration are costs incurred as a result of normal industry business practice based on economic rather than environmental incentives. As was shown in Table VII-1, most of the industry use these in-process controls. Costs for these controls are included in this section for information purposes and for those few facilities that do not presently use them.

Representative Facilities

Some cost information was obtained from the plants studied and from control and treatment equipment suppliers. These cost data cover a wide range of plant sizes in terms of production. To facilitate costing, "typical" plant sizes were selected as being representative of each of four plant size categories that cover the range of available cost data. The "typical" plant production and production range for each representative category are given in Table VIII-1. Costs are developed for the "typical" plant in each category in the following subsections.

CONTROL AND TREATMENT COSTS FOR REPRESENTATIVE PHOTOPROCESSING PLANTS

Control and treatment costs were developed for various levels of technology at representative photographic processing plants. These costs were developed from actual cost information supplied by the plants studied and from cost estimates provided by control and treatment equipment suppliers. The costed control technologies are: (1) various levels of silver recovery, (2) EDTA bleach regeneration, (3) ferricyanide bleach regeneration, (4) precipitation of waste fix for ferricyanide reduction, (5) treatment of dichromate

TABLE VIII-1 PRODUCTON CATEGORIES

	Rance Daily P	Daily Production	Yearly* Production	uction
Production Size Category	1,000 sq m/day (1,000 sq ft/day)	1,000 sq m/day (1,000 sq ft/day)	1,000 sq m/yr $(1,000 sq ft/yr)$	1,000 sq m/yr (1,000 sq ft/yr)
	0.093 - 0.19 (1.0 - 2.0)	0.14 (1.5)	23 - 46 (250 - 500)	35 (375)
	0.19 - 0.46 (2.0 - 5.0)	0.33 (3.5)	46 -116 (500 - 1,250)	81 (875)
	0.46 - 4.6 (5.0 - 50)	1.4 (15)	116 - 1,160 (1,250 - 12,500)	350 (3,750)
	4.6 - \(\omega(50 - \omega)\)	7.0 (75)	1,160 - \(\infty\) (12,500 - \(\infti\))	1,740 (18,750)

* 250 production days per year

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waste for chromium reduction, and (6) use of bleach in-process conventional advanced controls and multi-stage evaporation to reduce process wastewater discharge to a minimum. Each of the technologies has been costed separately. To determine the total costs for a particular plant, the costs for the individual technologies should be summed depending on the size of the plant and particular system used.

The best fit regression line shown on all graphs in this section was determined by regression analysis. This analysis involved calculating the linear, exponential, logarithmic, and power regression lines and the coefficient of determination (r^2) which is a measure of goodness of fit. The regression fit which had the most favorable coefficient of determination was selected for use in cost determinations.

Silver Recovery

Silver recovery costs were developed for the recovery of silver from fix solutions using conventional recovery methods and for the recovery of silver from after-fix wash water using ion exchange or reverse osmosis. These costs, as determined for the various typical plant sizes, are given in Tables VIII-2 through VIII-4.

<u>Specific Costing References and Rationale for Silver Recovery</u>

Silver Recovery from Fix Solutions Using Conventional Methods--

Figure VIII-1 is a graph of silver recovery capital investment costs versus production which includes plant supplied actual costs and the estimated range of costs supplied by a major equipment supplier for representative plant sizes B, C, and D. All costs include installation. The cost information supplied by the individual plants includes costs for all types of conventional silver recovery equipment. The cost data supplied by the equipment supplier were based on the following assumptions for the B, C, and D representative plants:

TABLE VIII-2
COSTS FOR RECOVERY OF SILVER FROM FIX SOLUTIONS
USING CONVENTIONAL METHODS

Plant Size	A	В	C	. ם
Typical Annual Production, 1,000 sq m/year (1,000 sq ft/year)	35 (375)	81 (875)	350 (3,750)	1,740 (18,750)
1977 Dollars				
Capital Investment Required	4,500	8,600	26,400	90,700
Annual Costs: Capital Recovery	900	1,700	5,300	18,000
Operating and Maintenance	340	800	3,400 .	16,300
Energy and Power	500	500	1,200	2,300
Total	1,740	3,000	9,900	37,100
Annual Resource Recovery	19,100	44,600	191,000	956,000
Net Annual Cost (Benefit)	(17,360)	(41,600)	(181,100)	(918,900)

TABLE VIII-3

COSTS FOR RECOVERY OF SILVER FROM AFTER-FIX
WASH WATERS BY ION EXCHANGE

Plant Size	A	В	С	ם
Typical Annual Production, 1,000 sq m/year (1,000 sq ft/year)	35 (375)	81 (875)	350 (3,750)	1,740 (18,750)
1977 Dollars				
Capital Investment Required	10,800	10,800	31,200	90,700
Annual Costs:				
Capital Recovery	2,150	2,150	6,200	18,000
Operating and Maintenance	1,900	3,130	10,100	46,100
Energy and Power	30	70	300	1,500
Total	4,080	5,350	16,600	65,600
Annual Resource Recovery	2,600	6,100	26,000	130,000
Net Annual Cost (Berefit)	1,480	(750)	(9,400)	(64,400)

TABLE VIII-4

COSTS FOR RECOVERY OF SILVER FROM AFTER-FIX
WASH TACERS BY REVERSE OSMOSIS AND PRECIPITATION

Plant Size	A	В	С	۵
Typical Annual Production, 1,000 sq m/year (1,000 sq ft/year)	35 (375)	81 (875)	350 (3,750)	1,740 (18,750)
1977 Dollars				
Capital Investment Required	15,300	19,400	34,800	85,800
Arnual Costs:			·	
Capital Recovery	3,000	3,900	6,900	17,100
Operating and Maintenance	5,150	6,600	16,400	61,000
Energy and Power	800	800	1,900	2,300
Total	8,950	11,300	25,200	80,400
Annual Resource Recovery	2,600	6,100	26,000	130,000
Net Armual Cost (Benefit)	6,350	5,200	(800)	(49,600)

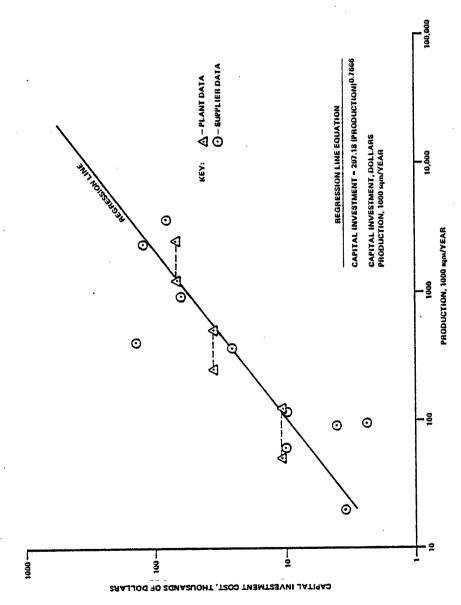


FIGURE VIII-1 SILVER RECOVERY CAPITAL INVESTMENT COSTS VS PRODUCTION

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- (1) Color negative film and paper are processed with a balance of 10 percent film and 90 percent paper.
- (2) A recirculating electrolytic silver recovery system is used on the film fix with electrolytic "tailing" on fix overflow.
- (3) A batch electrolytic silver recovery system is used on the paper bleach-fix.
- (4) The B plant uses electrolytic tailing only on film fix overflow, i.e., no recirculating system.
- (5) Assumes the B and C plants have two continuous film processors and the D plant has three continuous film processors.
- (6) Installation costs are included.

The regression analysis of the data presented in Figure VIII-1 yielded the following relationship between capital investment for silver recovery equipment and production.

CI = 297.18(P) exp. 0.7666

where:

CI = Capital investment, dollars
P = Production, 1,000 sq m/yr

This relationship was used to calculate the capital investment costs given in Table VIII-2.

Figure VIII-2 is a graph of silver recovery operating costs versus production. This curve was derived from plant supplied actual costs. The regression line is represented by the following equation:

 $OC = 9.8119(P) \exp 0.9981$

where:

OC = Operating cost, dollars
P = Production, 1,000 sq m/yr



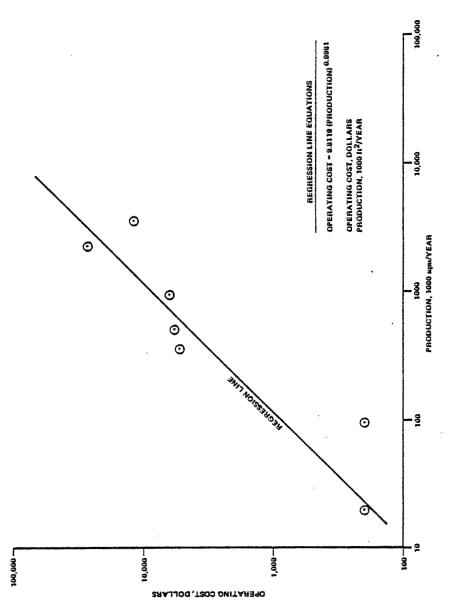


FIGURE VIII.2 SILVER RECOVERY OPERATING COSTS VS PRODUCTION

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This relationship was used to calculate the operating costs in Table VIII-2.

Energy and power estimates for the representative plants were estimated from power requirements provided by the equipment supplier, an electrical energy cost of \$0.05 per kilowatt hour, and an assumed 20 hours per day, 250 days per year operation.

The annual resource recovery cost is a benefit cost that was derived from the amount of silver contained in the emulsion of the material processed by the representative plants and a silver value of \$12.00 per troy ounce. The silver recovery benefit calculation is based on the following:

- A color negative plant having a 10:90 film to paper ratio.
- (2) Ninety percent of the total silver in the emulsion is contained in the fix and ten percent of the total silver is carried into the after-fix wash water.
- (3) The conventional silver recovery methods yield ninety percent of the silver contained in the fix, i.e., 81 percent of the total silver contained in the processed film and paper.

Silver Recovery from After-Fix Wash Water Using Ion Exchange--

The costs for the recovery of silver from after-fix wash water by ion exchange are given in Table VIII-3. These costs were developed using the following bases:

- (1) Information on capital and operating costs was supplied by ion exchange equipment suppliers.
- (2) The amount of equipment for each plant size is based on an estimate of the after-fix wash water flow. This estimate is based on the assumption that the after-fix wash water flow is 50 percent of the total process water hydraulic load. The average total process water hydraulic load determined for the industry is 157,000 liters/1,000 sq m (3,850 gal/1,000 sq ft) based on the data for



70 plants given in Table V-4. Therefore, the estimated after-fix wash water load is 78,500 liters/1,000 sq m (1,930 gal/1,000 sq ft).

Based on this flow estimate, the numbers of ion exchange tanks required by the various plant sizes are:

Plant Size	Pairs of Ion Exchange Tanks
A	1
В	1
С	2
D	7

- (3) Daily hours of operation for the representative plants were assumed to be 8, 8, 16, and 24 for the A, B, C, and D plants, respectively.
- (4) The maximum flow rate to each pair of ion exchange tanks is 57 liters/min (15 gal/min).
- (5) The installation costs (part of the capital investment), which include the necessary plumbing and electrical work in preparation for delivery of equipment, are estimated to be \$500 per pair of ion exchange tanks. Also included as installation costs are ten treated water analyses at \$30 each. These analyses are performed during start-up.
- (6) The ion exchange tanks are regenerated off site by the equipment supplier. The fee charged for this service is part of the operating cost. The in-plant operating and maintenance costs include maintenance labor of one hour per week per pair of tanks (labor rate at \$15,000 per year) plus one treated water analysis per regeneration at \$30 each.
- (7) The annual resource recovery cost benefit is based on the silver recovered from the after-fix wash water and waste fix. (It is assumed that the waste fix, after conventional silver recovery, is mixed with the after-fix wash water.) A total of 19 percent of the silver contained in the emulsion is



available to the ion exchange system (10 percent in the wash water plus nine percent remaining in the waste fix after conventional silver recovery). With an assumed ion exchange efficiency of 80 percent and a silver refining fee of 25 percent, the silver returned to the plant amounts to 11 percent of the silver contained in the emulsion. The annual resource recovery was computed for a 10:90 color negative film to paper ratio and with a silver value of \$12 per troy ounce.

Silver Recovery from After-Fix Wash Water Using Reverse Osmosis and Precipitation--

The costs for the recovery of silver from after-fix wash water by reverse osmosis and precipitation are given in Table VIII-4. Plant 7781 used, and supplied cost information for, a precipitation process to recover the silver from the reverse osmosis concentrate. It may be possible to use other methods to recover silver from the reverse osmosis concentrate, but no cost information was available for this specific application. Costs for the reverse osmosis and precipitation processes were developed using the following bases:

(1) The reverse osmosis capital investment costs versus flow were provided by an equipment supplier and are shown in Figure VIII-3. The capital investment costs for the reverse osmosis equipment were derived from the following relationship:

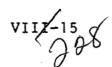
CI = 9556 + 0.4016 F

where:

CI = Capital investment, dollars
F - Flow, 1,000 liters per day

The production of the representative plants was related to the flow by linear scaling of the input flow to a reverse osmosis unit used by plant 7781.

(2) Reverse osmosis operating and maintenance and power costs are based on information from an equipment



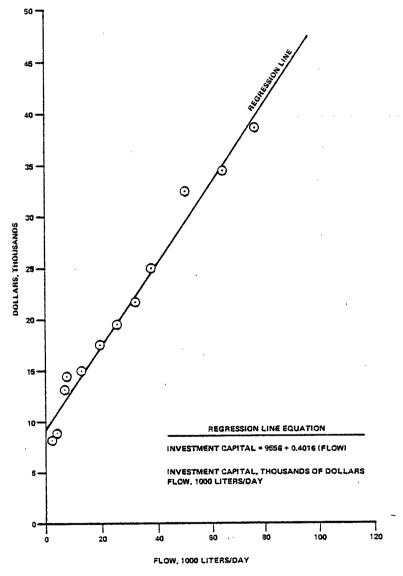


FIGURE VIII-3 REVERSE OSMOSIS EQUIPMENT CAPITAL INVESTMENT COST VS FLOW INCLUDES REVERSE OSMOSIS, CONDUCTIVITY CONTROL AND PREFILTER

supplier. These operating and maintenance costs include membrane replacement and cleaning solution costs and labor costs for maintenance and solution analyses.

(3) The capital investment for the precipitation of silver from the concentrate was obtained using cost information for plant 7781 and the following relationship:

CN = C r exp 0.6

where:

CN = capital investment for representative plants, dollars

C = capital investment incurred by plant
7781, dollars

r = production ratio of representative plant to plant 7781.

- (4) Precipitation operating and maintenance and power costs were directly scaled to plant 7781.
- (5) The annual resource recovery cost benefit, as in ion exchange, is based on the silver recovered from the after-fix wash water combined with the waste fix (after conventional silver recovery). The amount of silver recovered is estimated to be the same as that determined for ion exchange.

EDTA Bleach Regeneration

The costed EDTA regeneration process consists of aeration with chemical addition. If bleach-fix is the regenerated material, it is assumed that the silver in the spent bleach-fix has been recovered by the techniques discussed in the previous section.

The collected information used to determine costs is graphically summarized in Figures VIII-4 and VIII-5. The costs, as determined for the representative plants, are shown in Table VIII-5.

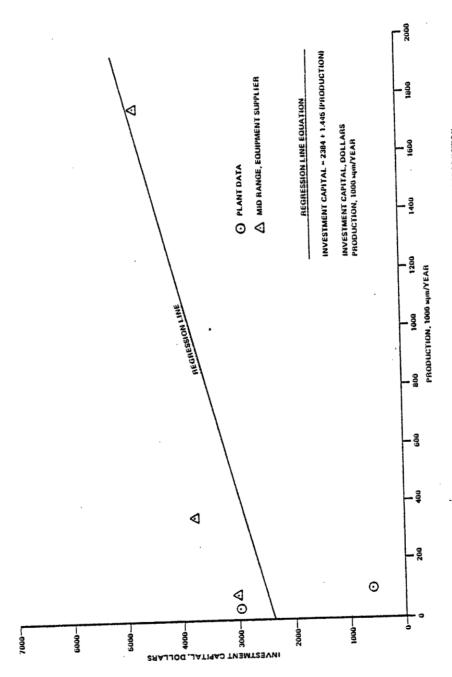


FIGURE VIII4 F. EDTA BLEACH REGENERATION INVESTED CAPITAL COSTS VS PRODUCTION

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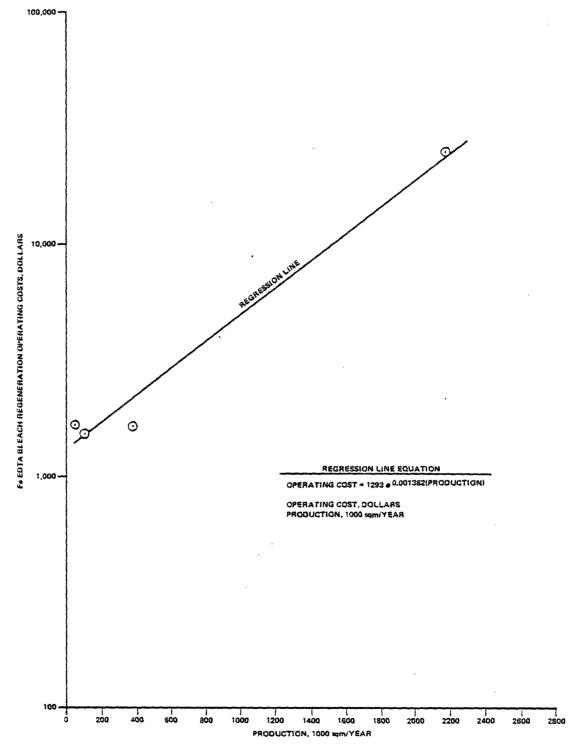


FIGURE VIII-5 Fe EDTA BLEACH REGENERATION OPERATING COSTS VS PRODUCTION

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TABLE VIII-5
COSTS FOR FERRIC EDTA BLEACH REGENERATION BY AERATION
AND CHEMICAL ADDITION

Plant Size	Α '	3	С	۵
Typical Annual Production, 1,000 sq m/year (1,000 sq ft/year)	35 (375)	81 (875)	350 (3,750)	1,740 (18,750)
1977 Dollars				
Capital Investment Required	2,400	2,500	2,900	4,900
Annual Costs:				
. Capital Recovery	480	500	600	i,000
Operating and Maintenance	1,360	1,400	2,100	13,800
Energy and Power	200	200	600	1,000
Total	2,040	2,100	3,300	15,800
Annual Resource Recovery	9,200	21,000	93,300	465,000
Net Annual Cost (Berefit)	(7,160)	(18,900)	(90,000)	(449,200)

<u>Specific Costing References and Rationale for EDTA</u> Bleach Regeneration

Figure VIII-4 is a graph of EDTA bleach regeneration capital investment costs versus production which represents plant supplied actual costs and the estimated costs supplied by a control equipment supplier for the representative plants. The costs include installation. The cost data supplied by the equipment supplier were based on the following assumptions for the representative plants:

- (1) Color negative film and paper are processed with a balance of 10 percent film and 90 percent paper.
- (2) The film process uses EDTA bleach and the paper process uses bleach-fix with a ferric EDTA base.

The following relationship between capital investment and production was derived by a regression analysis of the data presented in Figure VIII-4:

CI = 2384 + 1.445 P

where:

CI = Capital investment, dollars P = Production, 1,000 sq m/yr

This relationship was used to calculate the capital investment costs presented in Table VIII-5.

Figure VIII-5 is a graph of EDTA bleach regeneration operating costs versus production which represents plant supplied actual costs. The following relationship between operating costs and production was derived:

OC = 1293 e exp. 0.001362P

where:

OC = Operating cost, dollars
P = Production, 1,000 sq m/yr

The energy and power requirements were assumed to be for 1, 1, 3, and 5 horsepower motors, for the A, B, C, and D

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plants, respectively, to operate air compressors for aeration. Electric energy costs were assumed to be \$0.05 per kilowatt hour with an operation time of 20 hours per day, 250 days per year.

Annual resource recovery benefits are based on the chemical savings gained by not disposing of the bleach. The determination was made, for each plant size, by taking 80 percent of the bleach chemical costs and subtracting the cost of the bleach regenerate chemicals. The following assumptions were made:

- (1) Eighty percent of the waste bleach is regenerated.
- (2) To determine bleach and bleach regenerate costs, price information for the C-41 color film and for the EP-2 color paper processes was used.
- (3) Replenishment rates of 0.925 liters/sq m (0.0227 gal/sq ft) and 0.322 liters/sq m (0.0079 gal/sq ft) were used for the C-41 bleach and the EP-2 bleach-fix, respectively.

Ferricyanide Bleach Regeneration

The costed ferricyanide bleach regeneration process utilizes ozonation for regeneration. The costs, as determined for the representative plants, are shown in Table VIII-6.

<u>Specific Costing References and Rationale for Ferricyanide Bleach Regeneration</u>

The specific capital investment cost information was supplied by a control equipment supplier. The equipment for the representative plants are listed below:

TABLE VIII-6
COSTS FOR FERRICYANIDE BLEACH REGENERATION BY OZONATION

Plant Size	. A	В	С	D
Typical Annual Production (Film Only), 1,000 sq m/year (1,000 sq ft/year)	3.5 (37.5)	8.1 (87.5)	35 (375)	174 (1,875)
1977 Dollars				
Capital Investment Required	21,400	21,400	25,500	33,500
Annual Costs:				
Capital Recovery	4,300	4,300	5,100	6,700
Operating and Maintenance	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,400
Energy and Power	10	20	100.	500
Total	7,710	7,720	8,600	10,600
Annual Resource Recovery	1,100	2,500	10,900	54,500
Net Annual Cost (Benefit)	6,610	5,220	(2,300)	(43,900)

Pollutant Parameter,	Effluent Without	Effluent With
kg/1,000 sq m	Treatment	Treatment
Cyanide, Total	22	4.8

A and B plant - batch system

ozone generator ozone monitor pH control pump 50-gallon tank

C and D plant - continuous on-line system

ozone generator ozone monitor pH control pump 100-gallon tank automatic controls

The ozone generator was costed by selecting the nearest larger size commensurate with the plant ozone requirements based on the amount of film processed using ferricyanide bleach. The ozone requirement was related to production as stated in process specifications.

Operating costs are based on the costs given for a "typical" plant using ozone regeneration in a film processor's publication. Energy and power costs for the representative plants are based on a power requirement of 10 kwh per 0.45 kg (1 lb) of ozone generated, an ozone amount of 2.4 kg/1,000 sq m (0.48 lb/1,000 sq ft), and a power cost of \$0.05 per kwh. Annual resource recovery benefit was based on chemical savings between a plant using regeneration as compared to a plant discharging the spent bleach.

Ferrous Sulfate Precipitation of Ferricyanide

The costs established in this section are for a system to cause the precipitation of ferricyanide bleach carryover from waste fix. The costs, as determined for the representative plants, are shown in Table VIII-7.

TABLE VIII-7
COSTS FOR FERROUS SILFATE PRECIPITATION OF FERRICYANIDE FROM WASTE FIX

Plant Size	A	В	С	ם
Typical Annual Production (Film Only) 1,000 sq m/year (1,000 sq ft/year)	3.5 (37.5)	8.1 (87.5)	35 (375)	174 (1,875)
1977 Dollars				
Capital Investment Required	4,600	6,500	9,200	22,200
Annual Costs:				
Capital Recovery	920	1,300	1,830	4,400
Operating and Maintenance	600	1,220	. 4,490	21,400
Energy and Power	10	20	60	300
Total	1,530	2,540	6,380	26,100
Annual Resource Recovery		-		
Net Annual Cost (Benefit)	1,530	2,540	6,380	26,100

Pollutant Parameter,	Effluent Without	Effluent With
kg/1,000 sq m	Treatment	Treatment
Cyanide, Total	4.8	1.3

<u>Specific Costing References and Rationale for Ferrous Sulfate Precipitation</u>

The equipment required for ferrous sulfate precipitation of ferricyanide from waste fix is based on the equipment used by plant 4550 which includes pumps, tanks, and mixers. The equipment was sized for the representative plants according to their relative production compared to plant 4550. The capital investment was determined from individual equipment costs provided by suppliers. Related capital investment costs such as engineering, drafting, mechanical installation, and electrical work were determined from the following relationship:

CN = C r exp 0.6

where:

CN = capital investment for representative plant, dollars

C = capital investment incurred by plant 4550, dollars

r = production ratio of representative plant to plant 4550.

Operating and maintenance and power costs for the representative plants were assumed to be directly proportional to these costs for plant 4550.

<u>Evaporation</u> and <u>Associated Technologies</u> to <u>Reduce</u> the <u>Discharge of Process Wastewater to a Minimum</u>

Costs were derived for the reduction of process wastewater discharge to a minimum from information supplied by plant 7781 which is currently using the technology. The technology, using a number of techniques as described in Section VII to minimize the hydraulic load, utilizes multi-stage evaporation to reduce wastewater discharge. The costs, as determined for representative plants, are shown in Table VIII-8.

TABLE VIII-8

COSTS FOR REDUCTION OF PROCESS WASTEWATER TO A MINIMUM
BY ADVANCED CONTROLS PLUS MULTI-STATE EVAPORATION

Plant Size	A	В	С	D
Typical Annual Production, 1,000 sq m/year (1,000 sq ft/year)	35 (375)	81 (875)	350 (3,750)	1,740 (18,750)
1977 Dollars				
Capital Investment Required	103,000	155,000	239,000	406,000
Annual Costs:				
Capital Recovery	20,500	30,800	47,600	. 80,800
Operating and Maintenance	21,000	21,000	43,100	74,700
Energy and Power	400	400	1,800	8,700
Total	41,900	52,200	92,500	164,200
Annual Resource Recovery	4,200	9,900	42,400	212,000
Net Armual Cost (Berefit)	37,700	42,300	50,100	(47,800)

<u>Specific Costing References and Rationale for the Reduction of Process Wastewater to a Minimum</u>

Specific capital investment, operating, energy and power and annual resource recovery benefit costs were supplied by plant 7781. The information included costs for reverse osmosis treatment of wash water, developer regeneration by ion exchange, evaporation, and the reduction of ammonia in the condensate.

The capital investment costs were estimated by plant 7781 for the representative plants. Costs for special analytical equipment required for process control are included. The equipment includes a spectrophotometer and an atomic adsorption spectrometer.

The remainder of the costs for the representative plants were derived by linear scaling of the actual costs incurred by plant 7781. Labor costs for a full time analytical chemist was added to the operating costs. This cost is based on a salary of \$20,000 per annum, 3 shifts per day in the D plant, 2 shifts per day in the C plant and 1 shift per day in the A and B plants.

Treatment of Dichromate Bleach Wastes

Treatment technologies, along with the associated costs, have been established for the electroplating industry for reduction of the quantity of chromium in wastewater. The technology includes the chemical reduction of hexavalent chromium, pH adjustment for chromium precipitation, and diatomaceous earth filtration. It is recommended that these technologies be applied to after-dichromate bleach wash water mixed with the bleach overflow.

The costs are given in Tables VIII-9 through VIII-12. These costs were available in terms of flow. Film production levels comparable to these flows are included in the tables. This determination is based on an after-bleach wash water flow of 38 liters per minute (10 gallons per minute) and a film processing rate of 173 square meters per hour (1,865 square feet per hour).

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TABLE VIII-9

CONTROL AND TREATMENT COSTS FOR HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM

REDUCTION - BATCH TREATMENT

Flow, liters/hour	189	379	1,893
Annual Film Production, 1,000 sq m/year (1,000 sq ft/year)	72 (780)	140 (1,500)	720 (7,750)
1977 Dollars			
Capital Investment Required	8,493	9,535	14,405
Annual Costs:			
Capital Cost	541	608	919
Operating and Maintenance	155	295	. 1,415
Energy and Power	256	256	、 256
Depreciation	1,699	1,907	2,881
Net Annual Cost (Benefit)	2,651	3,066	5,471

TABLE VIII-10

CONTROL AND TREATMENT COSTS FOR HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM
REDUCTION - CONTINUOUS TREATMENT

Flow, Liters/hour	3,785	7,570	18,925
Annual Film Production 1,000 sq m/year (1,000 sq ft/year)	1,400 (15,100)	2,900 (31,200)	7,200 (77,500)
1977 Dollars			
Capital Investment Required	20,416	21,538	24,003
Annual Costs:			
Capital Cost	1,303	1,374	1,531
Operating and Maintenance	1,086	1,375	2,089
Energy and Power	256	256	256
Depreciation	4,083	4,308	4,801
Net Annual Cost (Benefit)	6,728	7,313	8,677

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TABLE VIII-11 CONTROL AND TREATMENT COSTS FOR pH ADJUSTMENT (CHROMIUM TREATMENT)

Flow, liters/nour	492	4,921	49,205
Annual Film Production 1,000 sq m/year (1,000 sq ft/year)	190 (2,040)	1,900 (20,400)	19,000 (204,000)
1977 Collars			
Capital Investment Required	1,452	4,921	18,855
Annual Costs:			
Capital Cost	93	314	1,203
Operating and Maintenance	286	1,036	3,758
Energy and Power	8	79	1,503
Depreciation	290	984	3,771
Net Annual Cost (Benefit)	677	2,413	10,315

TABLE VIII-12 CONTROL AND TREATMENT COSTS FOR DIATCHACEOUS EARTH FILTRATION (CHROMIUM TREATMENT)

Flow, liters/hour	189	4,731	47,313
Annual Film Production 1,000 sq m/year (1,000 sq ft/year)	72 (780)	1,800 (19,400)	18,000 (194,000)
1977 Dollars			
Capital Investment Required	8,823	27,707	62,819
Annual Costs:			
Capital Cost	563	1,768	4,008
Operating and Maintenance	3,936	6,046	29,872
Energy and Power	22	302	1,970
Depreciation	1,765	5,541	12,564
Net Annual Cost (Benefit)	6,286	13,657	48,414

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NON-WATER QUALITY ASPECTS

It is important to consider the impact of each treatment process on air, noise, solid waste, and radiation pollution of the environment to recognize and avoid the potential development of an adverse environmental impact upon these other media.

None of the control or treatment technologies considered for the photoprocessing industry have any known potential for air, noise, or radiation pollution exterior to the plant. There could be possible in-plant air pollution problems from the use of ozone or improper use of sulfide precipitation compounds. Proper use and monitoring equipment will control any potential hazard to plant personnel. Ozonation generators and reverse osmosis units create high but non-hazardous noise levels in the area close to equipment. This problem can be alleviated with proper location and enclosure of the equipment.

The major potential non-water environmental impact from this industry is the potential generation of solid wastes. Solids generated from silver recovery are not a problem because of the obvious economic recovery value of silver. Waste sludge from the precipitation of ferrocyanide presents a solid waste disposal problem. multi-plant company processes this sludge at a central location to reclaim the ferricyanide. Plants which do not reprocess this sludge will have to dispose of the solid approved landfill or other environmentally in an acceptable manner. Solid wastes generated treatment of waste dichromate bleach have no known market. These wastes must be disposed of in an approved landfill or other environmentally acceptable manner. Solid wastes are also generated from the plant using evaporation to eliminate process water discharge. The plant reports that the silver content is high enough to make it acceptable to a smelter for silver reclamation.

SECTION IX

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SECTION XI

GLOSSARY

- aeration: The addition of air to a liquid. This is done by pumping the liquid into the air or by bubbling air through it via sparging tubes. Aeration is used as part of the ferric EDTA bleach regeneration process in photographic processing. It can be used for reduction of oxygen demand in wastewater.
- acid rinse: A solution, usually dilute acetic acid, used as a stop bath following development.
- anion: The ion in an electrolyte which carries the negative charge and migrates toward the anode under the influence of a potential difference.
- automatic wash water controls: Automatic solenoid operated shutoff devices which completely stop the flow of water into the processor when it is not being used, thereby avoiding excessive wash water flows.
- biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅): A measurement of the amount of dissolved oxygen an effluent will consume from water over a five-day period of time.
- biodegradable: A substance capable of being broken down by organisms into simpler entities.
- black and white film: This film consists of a support, usually a plastic film which is coated with a light sensitive emulsion and an outer protective layer. The emulsion is adhered to the supporting base with a special layer called a sub. The emulsion contains: gelatin, silver salts of bromide, iodide, chloride, sensitizers, hardeners, and emulsion plasticizers.
- bleach-fix or blix: A solution used in some color processing that functions both as a bleach and as a fix.
- bleach: A step in color film processing whereby the silver image is converted back to silver halides.



- cation: The ion in an electrolyte which carries the positive charge and which migrates toward the cathode under the influence of a potential difference.
- chelating agents: A class of chemical compounds that can form complex chemical species. Some of the compounds are used as bleaching agents when complexed with ferric ions and as sequestering agents in the isolation and removal of metallic ions.
- chemical oxygen demand (COD): An analytical method for measuring the oxygen demand of an effluent. This method is faster than the BOD₅ test and responsive to a broader range of components.
- chemical prewash: A salt bath between the fix and final wash which chemically removes the fix from the emulsion at a faster rate than can be done by washing, thereby reducing the after-fix wash water time and volume.
- chlorination: The addition of chlorine to wastewater to cause breakdown of certain compounds by oxidation.
- chromium: A metallic element whose compounds are used in some photographic processes as bleaching or hardening agents.
- clarification: The process of removing turbidity and suspended solids by settling.
- clearing bath: A processing solution that removes most residual fixer from processed film or paper prior to washing, minimizing the water requirement.
- color couplers: A group of organic chemicals which react with the oxidized components of the developers to form color dyes. They are either incorporated in the film emulsion at the time of manufacture or they are included in the color developing solution.
- color film: Color film has three separate light sensitive emulsion layers, which after inclusion of the appropriate sensitizing dyes, record an image of the blue light components on one layer, the green light

- components on another, and the red light components on the third layer.
- color reversal (DC) process: A color reversal film process in which the color couplers are added during development.
- color reversal (IC) process: A color reversal film and paper process in which the color couplers which form the color dye image are incorporated into the emulsion layers at the time of manufacture.
- complex cyanide: This term refers to a complex ion containing cyanide ions and a cation such as iron, e.g., ferrocyanide $[Fe(CN)_6]^{-4}$ and/or ferricyanide $[Fe(CN)_6]^{-3}$.
- conservation: Methods applied to make maximum use of processing chemicals and water and to keep the quantity of effluent discharged to a minimum.
- continuous length processor: An automatic processing machine whereby long rolls of film or paper are fed into successive photoprocessing tanks via a series of appropriate crossover connections between racks. The starting end of the material to be processed is attached to a leader which guides the material through the machine.
- conventional silver recovery: The use of metallic replacement or electrolytic methods or both for the recovery of silver from fix solutions.
- countercurrent washing: A method of washing film or paper using a segmented tank system in which water is cascaded progressively from one tank segment to the next counter to the movement of the film or paper.
- develop: A step in photoprocessing whereby the latent image is made visible in a developer solution.
- developer: A chemical processing solution containing a developing agent. This solution converts the exposed portions of the photographic emulsion to silver, creating images of metallic silver.

- developing agents: These photographic materials usually are aromatic compounds with phenolic or amino electron-donor groups arranged ortho or para with respect to each other, such as: hydroquinone, methyl p-amino-phenol (metol), or 1-phenol-3 pyrazolidone (phenidone).
- dichromate bleach: A bleach used in some black and white reversal and color film processing.
- dip and dunk: An automatic processing machine whereby strips of film are "dipped" into successive photoprocessing tanks and held for the appropriate time.
- direct discharge: The discharge of wastewater to waters of the United States.
- dissolved solids: Solid matter in effluent that will not settle out or separate with filtration.
- drag-in: Water or solution carried into another solution by the film or paper being processed.
- drag-out: Water or solution carried out of the processing tank by the film or paper being processed.
- dry: The final processing step which involves drying the photographic film or paper in a dust-free atmosphere.
- dye image: A color image formed when the oxidized developer combines with the color couplers.
- EDTA (ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid): A chelating compound used in some bleach and bleach-fix solutions. It is also used in other solutions to sequester some ions present in hard water.
- effluent: Liquid waste leaving its source.
- electrolytic silver recovery: The removal of silver from silver-bearing solutions by application of a direct current to electrodes in the solution causing metallic silver to deposit on the cathode.
- elution: (1) The process of washing out, or removing with the use of a solvent. (2) In an ion exchange process it

- is defined as the stripping of adsorbed ions from an ion exchange resin by passing through the resin solutions containing other ions in relatively high concentrations.
- equalization: The collection of wastewater in tanks or ponds for the purpose of equalizing or controlling the flow quantities prior to discharge or other treatment steps.
- evaporation: A technique used to concentrate solids by removing water resulting in a quantity of concentrated waste containing the solids.
- ferricyanide: This ion, usually in the form of potassium ferricyanide, is used as a bleach for oxidizing metallic silver to ionic silver in some color processes. Ferricyanide is reduced to ferrocyanide as it oxidizes silver in the film emulsions.
- ferricyanide bleach: A processing solution containing the ferricyanide ion. This is used to convert metallic silver to ionic silver, which is removed in the fixing step.
- ferrocyanide: The ion that results when ferricyanide oxidizes silver or reacts with various reducing agents.
- filtration: The passing of wastewater through solid or particulate media to reduce the suspended solids.
- fix: A step in photoprocessing whereby the silver halides are removed from the emulsion using a solvent such as sodium thiosulfate.
- flocculation: The addition of a chemical, such as alum, ferric chloride or polymeric electrolytes, that promotes coagulation of suspended particles, thereby increasing settling rates and improving separation.
- gas-burst agitation: This is the most common method of automatic agitation found in automatic processing machines. Gas is released at controlled intervals through tiny holes in a distributor plate in the bottom of the solution tank. The gas bubbles formed during release provide the random agitation pattern necessary for uniform results.

- harden: This photoprocessing step serves to check emulsion swelling and raise the melting point for the emulsion to allow for drying at a higher temperature.
- hardener: A chemical present in some photographic solutions that reacts with gelatin in the emulsion to protect the film from damage during or after processing. Common hardeners are potassium aluminum sulfate, potassium chromium sulfate, and formaldehyde solution.
- ion: An atom or group of atoms possessing an electrical charge.
- ion exchange: A reversible interchange of ions between a liquid and a solid involving no radical change in the structure of the solid. The solid can be a natural zeolite or a synthetic resin, also called electrolyte. Cation exchange resins exchange their hydrogen ions for metal cations in the liquid. exchange resins exchange their hydroxyl ions for anions such as nitrates in the liquid. When the ion-retaining capacity of the resin is exhausted, it must be regenerated. Cation resins are regenerated with acids and anion resins with bases.
- low flow prewash: A system which concentrates most of the fix carryout in a low volume after-fix prewash tank. The system consists of segmenting the after-fix prewash tank to provide a small prewash section with separate wash water make-up and overflow.
- metallic replacement: This occurs when a metal such as iron comes in contact with a solution containing dissolved ions of a less active metal such as silver. The dissolved silver ions react with solid metal (iron). The more active metal (iron) goes into solution as an ion and ions of the less active metal become solid metal (silver).
- NAPM: National Association of Photographic Manufacturers, Inc.
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES): The Federal mechanism for regulating point source discharges by means of permits.



- navigable waters: See waters of the United States.
- negative process: A process which yields a negative image on film or paper of the original subject.
- neutralization: The adjustment of the pH of a waste stream with acid or alkali to produce a near neutral condition.
- non-process water: Water used for the heating and cooling of process solutions to maintain proper operating conditions or for the make-up water in cooling towers, boilers and lawn sprinkling systems. This water is not process water as it does not come in contact with raw materials or the product.
- POTW: Publicly owned treatment works (45 FR 33423).
- NPDES: See National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.
- on-site treatment: Treatment of effluent performed at its source, prior to discharge into a sewage system or a receiving body of water.
- oxidation: The conversion of chemical substances to higher oxidation states through loss of electrons. In waste treatment, oxidation usually is involved in the breakdown of many substances.
- ozonation: The process of using ozone (O₃) as an oxidizing agent to oxidize and degrade chemical constituents in an effluent or to regenerate ferricyanide bleach.
- ozone: A powerful gaseous oxidizing agent (03); it can be generated by a high voltage discharge across a stream of air or oxygen.
- persulfate: A strong oxidizing agent used to regenerate ferrocyanide to ferricyanide in bleaches.
- pH: A numerical value describing the acidity (low pH number) and alkalinity (high pH number) of a solution.
- polyelectrolytes: Synthetic chemicals (polymers) used to speed the removal of solids from wastewater by causing suspended particles to coagulate. They can be anionic

- [- charge, nonionic (+ and charge) or cationic (+ charge)].
- precipitation: The separation of a dissolved substance from its solution by rendering it insoluble through chemical reaction.
- prehardener: A solution used to harden the emulsion in order to protect it from damage during processing.
- primary treatment: The removal of material that floats or will settle in municipal sewage by using screens to catch the floating objects and tanks for the heavy matter to settle in. This treatment usually involves sedimentation and/or flocculation.
- process water: Water used in washing film and paper, in making up photoprocessing solutions, in the washing and rinsing of mixing utensils, storage tanks, and processing machines, and in area washdown.
- reclamation: The process of deriving usable materials from waste, by-products, etc., through physical or chemical treatment.
- regeneration: The removal or reconstitution of by-products and the replacement of certain components of the processing solution being reclaimed.
- Rem-Jet: A coating on the back of certain films for the reduction of light reflections during exposure. The rem-jet backing is removed during processing by washing or by washing and mechanical buffing.
- reversal process: A process which yields a direct positive image of the subject on the same material used for the original exposure.
- reverse osmosis: A separation technique used for recovering wash water that involves letting a wastewater stream flow under pressure through a semipermeable membrane. Most of the water molecules pass through the membrane as permeate and the pollutants remain behind as concentrate.



- settling: The concentration of particulate matter in wastewater by allowing suspended solids to sink to the bottom.
- short stop: A step in photoprocessing which follows development whereby the basic activators in the developer are neutralized to prevent further development.
- silver halide: Silver halide is an inorganic salt of silver in combination with elements from Group 7A of the Periodic Table. Silver halide salts used in photography are silver chloride, silver bromide, and silver iodide. Upon exposure to light, silver halide crystals undergo an internal change making them capable of subsequent reduction to metallic silver by appropriate developing agents.
- silver recovery: Removal of silver from used photographic processing solutions and materials so it can be made available for reuse.
- spray washing: A method of washing film or paper using a spray rather than an immersion tank as a means of conserving water.
- stabilizer: A chemical bath, usually the last in a processing cycle, that imparts greater life to a processed photographic film or paper through one of several preserving steps.
- squeegee: A piece of flexible material or a thin stream of air set to impinge on one or both sides of photographic film or paper as it comes out of a tank of processing solution. This reduces the amount of solution carried over.
- surface water: See waters of the United States.
- suspended solids: Undissolved matter carried in effluent that may settle out in a clarifier.
- total organic carbon (TOC): A measure of the amount of carbon in a sample originating from organic matter. The

test is run by burning the sample and measuring the carbon dioxide produced.

- wash: A water wash is a step in photoprocessing removing residual processing chemicals absorbed in the emulsion or substrate.
- waters of the United States: All waters which are currently used, used in the past, or may be used, for interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters subject to ebb and flow of the tide. Also includes intrastate lakes, rivers, streams, mud flats, and wetlands (44 FR 33300, 44 FR 33424).
- zero discharge: A goal for 1985 as set by the Federal Water Pollution Act of 1972. This means that the discharge of pollutants into the navigable waters will be eliminated by 1985.

APPENDIX A
TELEPHONE CONTACT SURVEY MEMO

Versar Inc., EPA Contract No. 68-01-3273 FILE MEMO - TELEPHONE CONTACT - PHOTO PROCESSING

Versar Engineer	Date
Time	File No.
Person Contacted:	
Name	Title
Company	Address: Street
Phone	CityState
	Zip Code
A. Process	
1. What types of processes are used?	still film% movie% paper%
(a) black and white: negative process reversal process	
(b) color: negative process reversal (couplers in emuls: reversal (couplers in develo	sion)
(c) Other: explain	
2. Are machine processes used? Yes	es No Partially
3. Is replenishment used? Yes No	Partially Continuous Batch
Which processes?	
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4. Are chemical recovery and recycle methods: (a) Silver recovery - Veg No Metalli	.ic Electro- Off- Recycle Discha
	cement lytic site
From: Fix	
bleach-fixwashwater	
(b) Bleach regeneration: Yes No Ferricyanide: Method	o Partially
Processes used	
Description and	
Other:	
Other:	
Other:	

	(c) Other (such as coupler, developer, etc. Processes used
5.	Use of squeegees: Everywhere recommended Partial use Not used
6.	Estimated Process Water Usage: less than 1,000 gpd; 1,000 to 9,999 gpd; 10,000 to 99,999 gpd; more than 100,000 gpd
7.	Estimated production: less than 1,000 sq. ft./day; 1,000 to 2,999 sq. ft./day; 3,000 sq. ft./day to 20,000 sq. ft./day; more than 20,000 sq. ft./day
В.	Wastewater Other than 100 for the second sec
1.	Other than recovery or recycle, is process wastewater treated before discharge? Yes No
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	(a) If yes, how?
	(b) Does the treated stream contain all the process wastewater? Yes No
	(c) Does the treated stream contain any non-process wastewater?
	Sanitary Non-contact cooling Boiler Other
2.	Where are the wastewater streams discharged?
	Contains Discharged to
	Stream 001
	Stream 002
	Stream 003
3.	Do you have a discharge permit for any stream?
•	Stream(s)
	Number
	state
	Corp.Eng.Appl.
	NPDES
	Other (POIW)
	What parameters are limited?
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	Is analytical data available and for what period of time?  No Yes Period
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5.	Are sewer user charges employed by local municipality? If so, what are
	charges and basis (flow, pollutant, etc.)
c.	General
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1.	Comments:
2.	Would the plant be agreeable to an engineering visit by an EPA Representa
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	Would the plant be agreeable to an engineering visit by an EPA Representation who should be contacted
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	Would the plant be agreeable to an engineering visit by an EPA Representation who should be contacted  What type of customer or service provided?  (a) Amateur  (b) Professional
	Would the plant be agreeable to an engineering visit by an EPA Representation who should be contacted  What type of customer or service provided?  (a) Amateur  (b) Professional  (c) Commercial (Art, printing, etc.)
	Would the plant be agreeable to an engineering visit by an EPA Representation who should be contacted  What type of customer or service provided?  (a) Amateur  (b) Professional  (c) Commercial (Art, printing, etc.)  (d) Commercial (Movie, T.V.)
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APPENDIX B LONG-TERM PLANT EFFLUENT DATA

#### LONG-TERM DATA FOR PLANT 6208

CR79: Effluent Total Chromium Concentration, mg/liter, mid-1974 to July 1979

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0.39	0.32	0.68	0.93	0.15	0.27	0.59	0.34	0.31	0.5
1.4	1.4	0.52	0.21	0.17	0.05	0.57	0.86	1.2	1.2
0.22	0.25	0.7	0.88	0.9	1.22	0.32	0.032	0.139	0.2
0.01	0.317	0.23	0.16 .	0.19	0.13	0.32	0.17	0.54	0.22
0.38	0.43	0.48	1.2	0.08	0.53	0.33	0.2	0.92	0.14
0.14	0.94	0.5	0.2	0.16	0.16	0.17			
CN 79									
0.005	0.005	0.005	0.008	0.005	0.005	0.029	0.005	0.006	0.005
0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005
0.005	67.4*	0.06	0.005	0.005	0.01	0.005	1.8	0.01	0.28
0.14	0.01	0.26	0.14	0.21	0.01	0.032	0.104	1.75	0.04
0.08	1.12	0.01	0.57	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.08
0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01			
CR 79									
3.09	4.73	3.11	5.93	3,56	4.59	4.11	3.6	2.4	0.2
3.0	2.7	1.84	2.8	2.91	4.38	5.9	4.8	4.4	5.4
8.1	4.4	4.2	3.31	6 - 4	3.06	8.2	0.46	1.82	1.0
1.76	4.55	0.6	0.24	0.35	2.92	1.25	3.82	5.0	2.0
1.1	. 2.6	4.1	3.4	0.8	3.7	6.6	2.3	6.2	3.1
2.6	5.0	2.1	4.3	2.8	4.7	2.3			

Value not used.

### LONG-TERM DATA FOR PLANT 7781

KEY: AG577: Effluent Silver Concentration, mg/liter,

1 February to 29 April 1977

AG877: Effluent Silver Concentration, mg/liter,

5 July to 1 August 1977

CD577: Effluent Cadmium Concentration, mg/liter,

1 February to 29 April 1977

CD877: Effluent Cadmium Concentration, mg/liter,

5 July to 1 August 1977

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6.31	5.10	5.27	9.75	4.64	8.64	13.12	7.93	7.26	7,94
7.50	8.10	4.44	3.28	2.33	4.46	2.36	3.15	4.33	3,70
5.76	8.46	7 + 46	3.03	4.34	2,72	1.40	1.97	2.46	6.20
5.60	8.00	2.85	6.10	9.27	15,10	14.68	5.78	4.23	2.91
11.66	10.34	•							
AG 877									
8.72	4.93	7.18	4.69	3.62	3.61	3.48	3.05	9.01	8.01
5.23	3.75	3.12	1.52	1.53	2.11	1.98	1.52	1.41	1.23
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CD 577									
0.57	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.08	0.21	0.33	0.48	0.66	0.52
0.88	0.72	2.0	0.95	1.18	1.6	1.47	1.57	0.8	0.64
0.94	0.98	1.24	1.52	2.23	1.85	1.64	1.84	2.22	3,55
3.14	4.0	3.69	1.82	2.6	2.78	2.5	1.84	0.88	0.85
0.71	0.63	0.97	0.51	0.82	1.0	1.12	1.0	0.25	0.25
0.54	1.12	1.0	0.5	0.33	0.57	0.54	0.5	0.41	0.26
0.29	0.35	0.31	0.19	0.00					
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0.18	0.19	0.24	0.18	0.1	0.09	0.09	0.11	0.17	0.22
0.2	0.15	0.12	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.02	0.05